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> > February 24, 2006

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Western Clay Company Mr. Brad Boyter 620 East State Highway 24 Aurora, Utah 84620

Subject: Five-Year Review of Reclamation Surety Estimate, Western Clay

Company, Bentonite Pits, M/041/012, Sevier County, Utah

Dear Mr. Boyter:

The Division conducts the periodic review of reclamation surety estimates to verify accuracy, make adjustments for escalation, and account for any site modifications that could result in a change of the surety amount.

The reclamation surety for Western Clay Company's Bentonite Pits is due for review as of 2006. To assist us in this review, we request **two copies** of an updated map of your site showing current surface facilities and disturbances. Please provide the updated maps at a scale of not less than 1 inch = 200 feet, which may include: buildings, stationary mining/processing equipment, roads, utilities, power lines, drainage structures (i.e. berms, culverts, etc.), topsoil, ore and product storage areas, overburden/waste dumps, tailings or processed waste facilities, solid and liquid wastes, and wastewater discharge treatment and containment facilities, etc. These maps should include all areas which have been affected by this operation to date.

If any reclamation has been completed on the site since the last surety estimate review, complete form MR-Bond/-Release. This form is available on the Division web at <a href="https://www.dogm.utah.gov">www.dogm.utah.gov</a>. Provide a separate map of the same scale as the site map, clearly identifying these reclaimed areas, the acreage affected, and the date of the reclamation. Please cross-hatch or shade the areas to identify the reclamation treatments (i.e. ripping, regrading, mulching, seeding, etc.) which have been applied.

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Please provide this information within the next 60 days or no later than April 17, 2006. If you are unable to meet this timeframe, contact the Division with justification for requesting additional time. Thank you for providing this information to assist us in our surety estimate review. If you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact Doug Jensen at (801) 538-5382.

Sincerely,

Susan M. White

Mine Program Coordinator Minerals Regulatory Program

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Enclosure: Bond-Release form

cc: John Blake, SITLA (ML-1937)

Doug Jensen, DOGM

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